

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE  
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL COMMITTEE**

**Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

1. **HEADING:** GRANTS.

**Submitted by:** Robin Wiles, Partnerships Locality Officer.

**Portfolio:** Resources & Efficiency.

**Ward(s) affected:** The applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards.

**Purpose of the Report**

To consider applications submitted to the Small Grants and Community Chest schemes for the Second quarter of 2016/17.

To consider a proposal from a recipient of a Small Grant from 2015/16 for the use of underspend.

To receive a report on Green Grants.

**Recommendations (to be in bold)**

**(i) That the Panel consider the Small Grants and Community Chest applications submitted with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.**

**(ii) That the Panel note the current situation with Green Grants awarded to date.**

**Reasons**

**Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to determine which of the Small Grant applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.**

**Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to determine which of the Locally Based Bodies Community Chest applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award**

**Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to receive reports on Green Grants expenditure.**

1. **Background**

1.1 The Small Grants budget for 2016/17 is £16,000.00.

1.2 Voluntary & Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £1,500.00.

1.3 Community Chest Applicants can apply for a grant of up to £800.00

1.4 Three eligible Small Grant applications have been received for consideration at this meeting, at a total of £4,092.50. This would leave a balance of £2,019.50 in the budget.

1.5 An applicant who received a Small Grant award in 2015/16 has put forward a proposal for

- use of some unspent funds they have from their award.
- 1.6 The Community Chest budget is £43,000.00. To date 33 grants at a total of £21,049.16 have been issued leaving a balance of £21,950.84 in the budget.
  - 1.7 One Community Chest application has been received from a Locally Based Body which requires Panel decision.
  - 1.8 The Green Grants scheme has a budget of £3,200.00, and provides grants of up to £200.00 for environmental projects. As of 1st December 2016, 6 grants at a total of £1,174.00 had been approved and issued leaving £2,026.00 in the budget.

## 2. **Issues.**

- 2.1 **Applications.** For information about applications for consideration for this meeting, please see Appendices 2a and 2b.
- 2.2 **Green Grants.** For a summary of Green Grants, please see Appendix 3.

## 3. **Options Considered** (if any)

### 3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-

- Full grant.
- Partial Grant.
- No Grant.
- Defer a decision until the next Panel meeting, either to obtain further information, and/or to invite the applicant to attend the meeting dependant on whether there are any time constraints on projects seeking funding.

## 4 **Proposal**

- 4.1 The applications received are from eligible organisations, and potentially contribute towards meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities and the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 4.2 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicant may be able to apply to.
- 4.3 Members note the Green Grants expenditure to date.

## 5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

- 5.1 There may be other sources of funding to which applicants can be directed should they be awarded no grant, or a partial grant.

## 6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

- 6.1 All the applications for consideration meet both Corporate Priorities and those of the Sustainable Community Strategy – please see the applications for further details.

## 7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

## 8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 8.1 All applications, if awarded, would be expected to have a positive impact on the communities that they benefit.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 9.1 The annual budget for the Small Grants scheme is £16,000.00.
- 9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £4,092.50 which would leave £2,019.50 in the budget if all were granted in full.
- 9.3 The unspent money from the 2015/16 Small Grant award is to the value of £678.15, with a request to redeploy £498.00 and return £180.15.

10. **Major Risks**

- 10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 Small Grant applications potentially cover all Wards.
- 11.2 The Community Chest application covers the Ward of Silverdale & Parksite.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

- 12.1 Not Applicable.

13. **Recommendations**

- 13.1 Members consider each Small Grants application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicants may be able to access.
- 13.2 Members consider each Community Chest application as appropriate.
- 13.3 Members note the Green Grants expenditure.

14. **List of Appendices**

- 14.1 Small Grant applications 2016/17 – details.
- 14.2 Green Grant applications 2016/17 Record.
- 14.3 Community Chest application 2016/17 - details.

15. **Background Papers**

- 15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel members in advance of the meeting. Hard copies will not be made available to reduce printing costs, but can be viewed in advance - please contact Robin Wiles on 742493 or robin.wiles@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.